

South-Western City Schools
Minutes – Special Meeting
February 5, 2024

The South-Western City Board of Education met in a special session on February 5, 2024, 5:00 p.m. with the following members present:

Denise D'Angelo Steele
Julie Liskany
Kelli Martindale
Camille Peterson
Chris Boso

24-21 Ms. Martindale moved that the Board of Education approve the agenda as presented for the February 5, 2024 Special Meeting.

Mrs. Peterson seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Ms. Martindale, Aye; Mrs. Peterson, Aye; Mrs. D'Angelo Steele, Aye;
Ms. Liskany, Aye; Mr. Boso, Aye.

Motion Carried

24-22 Ms. Martindale moved that the Board of Education adjourn to Executive Session according to Policy 0166 to discuss the employment, dismissal, discipline or demotion of a public employee.

Mrs. D'Angelo Steele seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Ms. Martindale, Aye; Mrs. D'Angelo Steele, Aye; Ms. Liskany, Aye;
Mrs. Peterson, Aye; Mr. Boso, Aye.

Motion Carried

The Board of Education adjourned to Executive Session at 5:01 p.m.; they reconvened the meeting at 5:05 p.m. with all attending members present.

Roll Call:

Mrs. D'Angelo Steele, Aye; Ms. Liskany, Aye; Ms. Martindale, Aye;
Mrs. Peterson, Aye; Mr. Boso, Aye.

Motion Carried

BOARD ITEMS

1. Item for Action - Resolution to Approve Settlement with Jenniffer Kauffeld and Rescind the Resolution to Consider Termination of Jenniffer Kauffeld Approved on January 8th, 2024.

24-23 Ms. Martindale moved that the Board of Education approve the Resolution to Approve Settlement with Jenniffer Kauffeld and Rescind the Resolution to Consider Termination of Jenniffer Kauffeld Approved on January 8th, 2024.

Mrs. Peterson seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Ms. Martindale, Aye; Mrs. Peterson, Aye; Mrs. D'Angelo Steele, Aye;
Ms. Liskany, Aye; Mr. Boso, Aye.

Motion Carried

[resolution_settlement_agreement.pdf \(90 KB\)](#)

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[Kauffeld Settlement Agreement.pdf \(3,902 KB\)](#)

Mr. Boso stated that Board realizes that the process of this investigation has not always been smooth as far as the lack of information that could be shared. Mr. Boso stated that coming to the right conclusion was the most important part. Mr. Boso stated that Mrs. Kauffeld will return to the building tomorrow morning. Mr. Boso expressed his thanks for everyone's patience and that the Board and District will be looking at policies.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Student Abuse & Neglect/Reporting Child Abuse/Nursing Services.

The Board of Education would like to discuss student abuse & neglect, reporting child abuse and nursing services.

[po8462 - Student Abuse and Neglect.pdf \(93 KB\)](#)

[Reporting Child Abuse.pdf \(44 KB\)](#)

Mr. Boso asked Board counsel, Mr. Omar Tarazi to speak.

Mr. Tarazi directed the Board to look at current District policy in regards to mandatory reporting and providing immediate medical attention. Mr. Tarazi stated that the Board should review Hilliard's policy regarding reporting child abuse. Mr. Tarazi stated that this is an OSBA optional policy. Mr. Tarazi read the Hilliard policy. Mr. Tarazi asked the Board to consider changes to current policy. Mr. Tarazi asked the Board to consider whether suspicion of abuse is considered emergency medical attention or not.

Ms. Martindale stated that she thinks clarification on this is very important. Ms. Martindale stated that Hilliard's policy makes more sense to her and she would like to revisit our current policy to make it more clear and concise.

Mrs. Peterson asked that the Board allow the superintendent more time to research other surrounding school district's policies regarding nurses' scope of work and the handling of abuse and/or neglect cases. Mrs. Peterson stated that allowing this time ensures said amended policies is appropriate for our school district. Mrs. Peterson stated that she suggests 30 days for this research timeline.

Mr. Boso asked Dr. Bill Wise for his thoughts on 30 days.

Dr. Wise stated that having a revision to the policy to the Board in 30 days is possible, however he stated that he did not want to make that commitment today, but would like to have until April to report back to the Board. Dr. Wise stated that he did not fully understand the scope of how much we want to expand responsibilities and how deep of a study it would take to get to that point. Dr. Wise stated that this would be a deviation from what our current practice is. Dr. Wise stated that there is no question we can improve the wording, but we must do it in a way to improve the safety of children and does not put staff at additional risk. Dr. Wise said we will move forward in these discussions and attempt to bring something before the Board that does not conflict with other policies. Dr. Wise stated that we must review if Hilliard adopted OSBA's policy in its recommended form, or adjusted any language by the district. Dr. Wise stated that there are two primary policy services in the state of Ohio and those are OSBA and NEOLA. Dr. Wise stated that SWCSD uses NEOLA. Dr. Wise asked the Board for direction on reviewing this policy to make a safe environment for students.

Mr. Boso stated that this a good start to the discussion and asked for 30 days for this review, if possible.

24-24 Ms. Liskany moved that the meeting be adjourned

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Mrs. D'Angelo Steele seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Ms. Liskany, Aye;

Mrs. D'Angelo Steele, Aye;

Ms. Martindale, Aye;

Mrs. Peterson, Aye;

Mr. Boso, Aye.

Motion Carried

Meeting adjourned at 5:16 p.m.

Chris Boso
President

Hugh W. Garside, Jr.
Treasurer